

2117-2094BC Walden

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HAMMURABI conquered Sumeria &  
ELAM

## 2113 BC - 1595 BC Babylonian Chronologists

During this period, the lists of year names or date lists constitute as reliable a source in Babylonian Chronology as the eponym lists do in Assyrian Chronology. One of the events which almost invariably gave a name to the following year was the accession of a new king. Hence the first full regnal year of a king was called

"the yr (after) NN became king." In Assyria the number of personal names in an eponym list between the names of two successive kings normally equalled the number of years in the reign of the 1st king, & similarly, in Babylonia the number of yr. names between two year names of the king that named a kg nearly always equalled the number of years in the reign of the first king. Just as in Assyria, the eponym lists are almost certainly the source of the king lists, so in Babylonia, the king lists are based on the year lists.

2113 BC  $\rightarrow$  2000 BC

Ur

Founded about 4700 BC Ur's golden age was from 2113 BC to shortly before 2000 BC when King Ur-Nammu expanded the Sumerian empire and made his capital the wealthiest city in Mesopotamia. Arts & literature flourished under his successors until enemies destroyed the city. (2003 - During Iraqi War it was bombed by missiles - w/o harm)

By about 400 BC Ur had all but faded  
into the desert, possibly because  
the Euphrates River had shifted course  
away from the city

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~~2100 BC - 1600 BC~~ Babylonian Chronology

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Prior to the Gap (1600 BC - 1400 BC), there is a period of 5 centuries with a well established chronological structure. A list of the kings in the major city-states are known, as well as their sequence and the length of their reigns. Which sets of data should be assigned to those reigns, however, depends on the date

adapted for the 1st dynasty of Babylon.  
This period of 5 centuries extends from  
the beginning of the 3rd dynasty of UR  
to the end of the 1st dynasty of Babylon -  
i.e. on the chronology adopted here (2113 -  
1595 BC).. During this period the Babylonians  
dated their history not by regnal years  
but by the names of the years. E.g. yr had  
an individual name, usually from an  
important event that had taken place in  
the preceding yr.

2112 BC to 1928 BC

14<sup>th</sup> Dynasty. An obscure period<sup>Egypt</sup>